



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

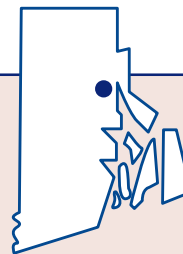
*Trust for Public Land,  
Providence, RI*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

The Trust for Public Land of Boston, Massachusetts, was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The trust has targeted a former landfill in the Woonasquatucket River greenway of downtown Providence. The site borders an American Heritage River and a designated Enterprise Community/Empowerment Zone. It also is part of Rhode Island's brownfields pilot program and brownfields Showcase Community project, which targets several brownfields in the area. The three neighborhoods surrounding the site have populations under 6,000 and have a higher proportion of Hispanics than the rest of the city. The poverty level in these neighborhoods is 37 percent. Discovery of the landfill has delayed construction of soccer fields and safe greenspace for these neighborhoods, which have less



## Cleanup Grant

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the Trust for Public Land of Boston, Massachusetts, for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to conduct cleanup activities at a two-acre trust-owned property, the former Lincoln Lace and Braid site in the Woonasquatucket River greenway of downtown Providence, Rhode Island. A site assessment indicates that this vacant lot contains an approximately 80,000-square foot landfill with typical household waste.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Trust for Public Land of Boston, MA, has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

than the citywide and national averages for urban parkland. The Trust for Public Land has a communication strategy that involves local community groups, organizations, schools, businesses, and churches in the project.